

AMENDEMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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Please replace paragraph [000⁵6] with the following amended paragraph:

[000⁵6] Real-time communication users converse with other contacts typically using a separate conversation interface for each contact (i.e., one-on-one session), or one conversation interface for multiple contacts (i.e., chat session). Messages appear in each conversation interface in time-dependant alternating segments. Thus, users can monitor continuous text conversations through one conversation interface, even after multiple iterations of sending and receiving responses. This ability allows for a fluid real-time conversation between users. Thus, real-time communication ~~provide~~ provides many conveniences compared with other messaging protocols such as electronic mail.

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Please replace paragraph [001¹⁰1] with the following amended paragraph:

[001¹⁰1] The present invention relates to making user interfaces for real-time communication less intrusive by automatically adjusting the user interfaces based on the user's level of interaction. In accordance with example embodiments, an initial representation of a user interface for real-time communication is ~~display~~ displayed and user input directed to the initial representation is monitored. The initial representation of the user interface is automatically adapted to the user's activity level based on the monitored user input. For example, the initial representation may be automatically adapted to an intermediate representation that includes a text input box, a larger representation that also includes the text input box, or a smaller representation. Because each contains a text input box, both the intermediate representation and the enlarged or larger representation can receive user input. Automatically adapting occurs without explicit user input to reduce or enlarge the initial representation, such as an explicit minimize, maximize, or resize input.

Please replace paragraph [0054] with the following amended paragraph:

[0054] Figure 7 shows example acts and steps for methods of making one or more user interfaces for real time communication less intrusive by automatically adjusting the one or more user interfaces based on the user's level of interaction in accordance with the present invention. A step for monitoring (710) user input directed to an initial representation of a user interface for real-time communication may include an act of displaying (712) an intermediate representation